70 YEARS -
A Timeline Of India-Russia Relations

1947
Official establishment of diplomatic relations

1955
Agreement signed for the construction of Bhilai Steel Plant

1962
Technology transfer to co-produce Mikoyan-Gurevich MiG-21 jet fighters in India

1963
Agreement signed for the setting up of Bokaro Steel Plant

1971
‘Soviet-Indian Treaty of Peace, Friendship and Cooperation’ signed

1975
India’s first satellite, ‘Aryabhata’, launched by the Soviet Union
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<td>India receives MiG-29 aircrafts from the Soviet Union, along with the rights to manufacture them in the country.</td>
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<td>BrahMos Aerospace established as a joint venture between India’s Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Russia’s NPO Mashinostroeyenya.</td>
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<td>Indo-Russian forum on trade and investment established.</td>
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<td>‘Strategic Partnership’ elevated to the status of a ‘Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership’.</td>
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<td>2015</td>
<td>Under the Make in India initiative, Russia’s Rostec forms a joint venture with India’s HAL (Hindustan Aeronautics Limited) to manufacture Kamov 226T military helicopters.</td>
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<td>2016</td>
<td>Joint launch of Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant - the single largest nuclear power station in India.</td>
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<td>2017</td>
<td>India-Russia mark 70 years of diplomatic ties with the St. Petersburg Declaration.</td>
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<td>2018</td>
<td>S-400 surface-to-air missile defence system deal.</td>
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<td>Kalashnikov AK-203 rifle factory set up in Amethi, Uttar Pradesh.</td>
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**Introduction**

At SPIEF 2017, Hon’ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi announced the creation of a dedicated ‘Russia Desk’. Christened ‘Russia Plus’ and working within the purview of Invest India, this body has been established to function as a dedicated growth partner for Russian stakeholders interested in the opportunity that India presents.

Russia Plus is now a one-stop solution for investors. It provides hand-holding support - including business advisory, policy guidance, location assessment, assistance with regulatory approvals, issue redressal and expansion support.

Russia Plus is a milestone in Indo-Russian relations and a testament to the long standing partnership between the two nations.

**Our Vision**

**2017**

- **To be a partner to Russian investors:**
  As a growth partner, Russia Plus offers a gamut of services customised for the benefit and requirements of Russian investors.

- **To foster India-Russia relations on the basis of trust and mutual benefit:**
  India and Russia share ties that have stood the test of time. The resilience of this relationship rests on the principles of trust and mutual benefit. Russia Plus serves to uphold these principles by providing assistance and key services to Russian investors.
What we offer

A. FACILITATION

Russia Plus is a dedicated platform for Russian investors and companies. It ensures the facilitation of Russian investments, as well as provides assistance in navigating India’s policy landscape.

- **Facilitation process**
  Providing support and hand-holding for Russian investors throughout their investment journey in India

- **Query handling**
  Recording, tracking, addressing and managing queries raised by Russian companies - along with following up on such queries as and when required

- **Language/translation support**
  Provision of translators, readily available Russian language content, interpretation of policy and more

B. SINGLE WINDOW INVESTMENT SUPPORT

- **Sector-stakeholder support**
  Provision of sector expertise through knowledge sharing

- **Joint Venture support**
  Identification of Indian business partners for potential joint ventures

- **Mid-market segment support**
  Problem identification and assistance for medium-sized enterprises

- **Centre and State liaising**
  Provision of platforms for business discussions between potential investors and Central and State Government ministries and departments

- **Government and Industry liaising**
  Coordination with relevant Central and State Government ministries and departments, the Indian Embassy in Moscow and the Russian Embassy in New Delhi. Additionally, work with various industry chambers and chambers of commerce in the two countries for arrangement of meetings or networking initiatives

- **Event Support**
  Organisation of roundtables and roadshows for existing and prospective Russian investors

- **Startup Portal**
  Promotion of collaboration between Indian and Russian startups, facilitation of access to incubators and provision of information support regarding the startup ecosystem
C. MARKET INTELLIGENCE AND INSIGHTS

Through Russia Plus, investors can benefit from Invest India’s nuanced understanding of the Indian investment climate. All compiled reports and insights are customised for the perusal of Russian investors and companies.

- **Comprehensive Reports**
  - Country reports on India for Russian investors, including introductions to the country’s legal, regulatory and taxation landscape
  - Reports on identified focus sectors, highlighting various investment opportunities
  - Periodic reports on successful bilateral investments, on-going facilitation cases and cases being reviewed through a fast-track process
  - Periodic progress reports for submission to stakeholders

- **Information Dissemination**
  - Technical notes to assist in facilitation and fast-tracking of investments from Russian companies
  - Assistance with drafting comments, opinions and press notes
  - Comprehensive lists of successful Russian investments in India
  - Curated lists of investible projects
  - Sectoral knowledge papers
  - India Business Guide for Russian investors
  - Calendar of important investment-related events (including focus sector events) in Russia and India
  - Webinars/video conferences on focus sectors
India and Russia share a bond that runs deeper than trade and diplomacy. It is one of mutual respect and understanding. There are laurels to rest upon and a future that we can create together.

The future

FROM THE GOOD OLD DAYS, INTO A PROSPEROUS FUTURE.
HOW WE HELP INVESTORS

- Research Content Provided
- Policy Advisory/Representation
- Stakeholder Meeting
- Site Visits
- Location Analysis
- Issue Resolution
- Regulatory Clearance Facilitation

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